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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO FAHMY

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FOR CHARGE FROM SECRETARY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FAHMY, ASKING HIM TO
INFORM SADAT:

2. QUOTE: I HAVE JUST HAD A FURTHER MEETING WITH
AMBASSADOR DINITZ IN WHICH I RECEIVED THE INITIAL ISRAELI
REACTION TO THE EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPOSALS. SINCE THEY
ARE OF A SPECIFIC NATURE, I BELIEVE IT IS BEST FOR ME TO
EXPLAIN THEM FIRST-HAND TO HERMANN SO THAT HE CAN GIVE YOU
A FIRST-HAND REPORT. ESSENTIALLY WE ARE ON THE COURSE
I OUTLINED TO YOU EARLIER THIS WEEK.

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUERY BASED ON THE BBC REPORT THAT

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RABIN HAD PUBLICLY REJECTED THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL AND THAT

AN ISRAELI COUNTERPROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED, I CANNOT
VERIFY OR VOUCH FOR EVERY REPORT OF WHAT ISRAELI OR OTHER
LEADERS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID, BUT IF HE USED THE WORD
"REJECT" HIS CHOICE OF WORDS WAS UNFORTUNATE. THE ISRAELIS
ARE BARGAINING HARD, BUT THE BALL IS STILL IN PLAY.

AS HE HAS PROBABLY TOLD YOU, HERMANN WILL BE IN BONN WHEN
I ARRIVE SATURDAY EVENING, AND HE WILL BE BACK IN CAIRO
MONDAY. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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